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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/657,940  
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Applicant: Jason D. Meridew, et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3733  
Examiner: Richard R. Shaffer  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USE OF A SELF-TAPPING RESORBABLE SCREW  
Attorney Docket: 5490-000341

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2007, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.